

The Messenger

The Weekly E-Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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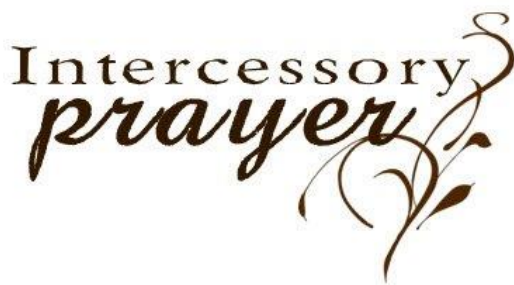
In Our Prayers

Please pray for:

Edwina Johnson (cancer); Eddie Farmer; Don Lester (cancer); Mary Jane (vision); Karen McGraw (cancer); Jackie Rolison; George; Dean (cancer) and his wife, Mary Ann; Joel Raymond Malonga; Janet Morris (cancer); Hoan Vu (stroke) and family; Ashley R. (Youth Suffering from Depression/Anxiety); Angela (Fractured Back); Fred Barwise (Cancer); Bill (Heart Condition) and Kay Hannay.

Please pray for our Vestry and Clergy:

Stan Brassie; Bob Emmons; Marvin Gray; Chick Krautler; June Reid; Nicole Richards; Riley Tucker and Rev. Pat Merchant



St. Alban's Intercessory Prayer Group-

Every **Tuesday** morning at 11 a.m., you are invited to join in and pray for the needs of your love ones, people of the community, our church, our nation and the world. The prayer session normally concludes by 11:30.

If you wish for us to pray for someone or something special, please fill out a prayer card, which are located in the pew racks in the sanctuary. You can place it in the offering plate, give it to an usher or leave it in the church office daily between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Bible Readings

Readings for this Week:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Readings for Next Week:

Genesis 15:1-2, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Pat's Perspective

Dearly Beloved,

Lou and I had a very nice trip visiting our friends in California. Such a joy to share a history with them these past years. I have received marvelous reports about the Pancake Supper and what a fun evening it was for everyone. Thank you all who cooked, served, decorated and help clean up.

The first speaker for our weekly Lenten Series is the Rev. Nancy Baxter. She will be accompanied by some of the sisters of St. Anna's. St. Anna's is an Episcopal Order for women over the age of 50, formed and led by Rev. Nancy. I am a member and the mission is to learn to age in a godly way, to serve others on this journey and to make a commitment to the three vows of balance, creativity and simplicity. I truly hope you will be present to learn and ask questions.

The Lenten Dinners are all focused on Godly Aging...no matter how young you may be. Life is our gift! How we embrace God and follow the light of Christ through out our journey will inform our living and our dying well.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 and the program will begin at 6:30. I hope to see everyone there.

I invite you in the name of Church, to the observance of a Holy Lent. Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

Lovepat

Youth News

2019 Sunday School for children and teenagers is now underway.

Children's **Sunday** School begins at 9:30 before **Sunday** morning worship service. The children will join the congregation during the Peace for the remainder of Eucharist.

The teens will gather immediately following the worship service during adult coffee hour.

Any questions regarding the new youth programs, please contact Dylan Walker at [706-968-7346](tel:706-968-7346) or ordwalk1459@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events at St. Alban's

March 12- Lenten Supper and Program- 6:00 pm

March 17- St. Patrick's Day Potluck and Limericks- 11:00 am

March 19- Lenten Supper and Program- 6:00 pm

March 26- Lenten Supper and Program- 6:00 pm

April 2- Lenten Supper and Program- 6:00 pm

April 9- Lenten Supper and Program- 6:00 pm

"Celebrations"

Happy Birthdays!

March 11- Dylan Walker

March 12- Divine Wild

March 14- Max Hoglen

March 16- Scott Corcoran

"Announcements"



Lenten Supper and Program
Every Tuesday Evening during Lent
March 12 through April 9 at 6:00 pm

Join us **each Tuesday at 6:00 pm** during Lent for a soup and sandwich supper and a very **informative program**. We will have an unique quest speaker each week as the series will focus on "Godly Aging".

March 12- The Rev. Nancy Baker, Founder and Superior, Society of St. Anna the Prophet (an Episcopal order for women over 50). Nancy will speak on "Godly Aging".

March 19- Sam Roberson, Esq., Atkinson Ferguson LLC. Program focuses on Wills and Power of Attorney Documents.

March 26- Sara Carson, Medical Social Worker, member of the Alzheimer's Disease Association. Sara will address Dementia and Alzheimer's Diseases.

April 2- Maury Adcock, Edward Jones Investments. Maury will discuss how to make your money last through retirement.

April 9- Rev. Pat Merchant, Rector of St. Alban's. Discussion of wishes and preparation of your funeral and reflections on dying and death.

Please volunteer to help provide the soup and sandwiches for one of the evenings by signing up on the sheet located on the round table in the Narthex.

Vestry Meeting- The next scheduled Vestry Meeting is **Monday** afternoon, March 11, at 5:30 pm. The meeting will take place in the conference room and is open to anyone who wishes to attend and observe. If you would like to address the Vestry, please contact Riley Tucker, Bob Emmons or Rev. Pat.



**Community
Mid-Week
Lenten
Worship and
Lunch**

This year's Monroe Mid-Week Lenten Worship and Lunch schedule is as follows:

- March 13th-** First Presbyterian Church, Monroe, GA
- March 20th-** St. Anna's Catholic Church, Monroe, GA
- March 27th-** First United Methodist Church, Monroe, GA

April 3rd- The Praise Center, Monroe, GA
April 10th- First Baptist Church, Monroe, GA

All services begin at 12 noon with complimentary lunch to follow. Please make plans to attend and support Monroe Area Ministerial Association which provides a multitude of benefits to F.I.S.H.



St. Patrick's Day Potluck and Limerick Celebration!

Sunday, March 17th
11:00 am

Following the worship service on Sunday morning, [March 17th](#), we will enjoy a potluck lunch and Limerick celebration. Please bring your favorite Irish dish or green dish. A sign up sheet has been placed in the Narthex in order for us to estimate the meats that the church will provide for the event.

Do you link Limericks? They can be funny, rude or silly! A Limerick has five lines with the first, second and fifth lines rhyming. The third and fourth lines rhyme. Sometimes artwork accompanies the Limerick. Use your imagination! See what you can put together. Children and adults may participate.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. Alban's

Many, many thanks goes out to all parishioners that helped orchestrate a fantastic pancake supper on Shrove [Tuesday](#) in the Parish Hall. The church is especially thankful to the food preparers and servers: Bob Emmons, Wayne Pickeral, Ron Mullis, Bob Hay, Judy Terry, Nicole Richards and Riley Tucker. Even

the 'ole sausage cooker himself, Jim Sweeney, did a short stint in the kitchen. Everyone raved about how delicious the meal was and looked forward to next year's celebration. Our old Mardi Gras decorations even added a little spice to the annual St. Alban's event.

Tai Chi Classes

Thursdays- 6:30 pm
Instructor- Bill Carter
\$2.00 per Class



Women's Bible Study

The St. Alban's Women's Bible Study meets every **Tuesday** at 1:30 pm. Please join Pat and the enthusiastic ladies group as the holy scripture is discussed using many references from the CEB Women's Bible.



March and April Parish Calendar 2019

Lay Liturgical Schedule First Quarter 2019